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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An information attaching device for attaching information to an image containing a plurality of photographed objects, and acquiring <u>an</u> information-attached image, comprising:

object extracting means, for extracting a plurality of regions, each of which includes a photographed object from among the plurality of photographed objects, from within the image;

information attaching means for attaching different information to each of a plurality of regions in said image that respectively contain said plurality of photographed objects the regions, which are extracted by the object extracting means corresponding to each photographed object that do not overlap with other regions that include other photographed objects, and acquiring said information-attached image;

input means for receiving photographed-image data obtained by photographing an image reproducing medium, on which the information-attached image acquired by the information attaching means is reproduced, with image pick-up means; and

detection means for detecting said information from said photographed-image data for each of said plurality of photographed objects contained in said information-attached image.

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2. (original): The information attaching device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said

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information attaching means is means for acquiring said information-attached image by hiddenly

embedding said information in said image.

3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): The information detecting device as set forth in claim 1, further

comprising distortion correction means for correcting geometrical distortion contained in said

photographed-image data; wherein said detection means is means for detecting said information

from the photographed-image data corrected by said correction means.

5. (previously presented): The information detecting device as set forth in claim 1,

wherein said image pick-up means is a camera provided in a portable terminal.

6. (previously presented): The information detecting device as set forth in claim 1,

wherein said information is location information representing storage locations of audio data

correlated with said plurality of photographed objects, and which further comprises audio data

acquisition means for acquiring said audio data, based on said location information.

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7. (previously presented): An information attaching method of attaching information to an image containing a plurality of photographed objects, and acquiring information-attached image, comprising the steps of:

attaching different information to each of a plurality of regions in said image that respectively contain said plurality of photographed objects, and acquiring said information-attached image;

receiving photographed-image data obtained by photographing an image reproducing medium, on which the information-attached image is reproduced, with image pick-up means; and detecting said information from said photographed-image data for each of said plurality of photographed objects contained in said information-attached image.

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented): A program embodied on a computer readable medium for causing a computer to execute an information attaching method of attaching information to an image containing a plurality of photographed objects, and acquiring information-attached image, said program comprising:

a procedure of attaching different information to each of a plurality of regions in said image that respectively contain said plurality of photographed objects, and acquiring said information-attached image;

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a procedure of receiving photographed-image data obtained by photographing an image

reproducing medium, on which the information-attached image is reproduced, with image pick-

up means; and

a procedure of detecting said information from said photographed-image data for each of

said plurality of photographed objects contained in said information-attached image.

10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): The information device according to claim 1, further

comprising:

a mobile communication terminal having a camera; and

a server,

wherein the camera of the mobile terminal photographs the image reproducing medium,

wherein the input means and the detecting means are disposed in the server.

12. (previously presented): The information device according to claim 11, wherein the

information is a location of audio data and the server acquires said audio data using said location

and transmits said audio data to said mobile communication terminal.

13. (new): An information attaching device as defined in Claim 1, wherein:

the object extracting means extracts facial regions of humans.

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14. (new): An information attaching device as defined in Claim 1, wherein the

information attaching means comprises:

a region setting section, for setting block regions corresponding to each photographed

object that do not overlap with other regions that include other photographed objects; and

an information attaching section, for attaching different information to each of the

plurality of block regions which are set by the region setting means.